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- 1. PRO-GOVERNMENT PRESS SEPT 13 FRONTPAGED COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY POLICE IN EFFECT REPLYING TO COMMUNIQUE ISSUED EARLIER BY DEFENSE LAWYERS ASKING WHAT HAD HAPPENED TO 79 PERSONS WHO WERE TO BE RELEASED AT KENITRA AUG 30 (LAWYERS' COMMUNIQUE ALSO CARRIED IN SAME ISSUES PRO-GOVERNMENT PRESS).
- 2. POLICE COMMUNIQUE STATES THAT PERSONS WHO WERE ACQUITTED OR GIVEN SUSPENDED SENTENCES WERE "IMMEDIATELY ARRESTED ANEW IN CONNECTION WITH A PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION INVOLVING OTHER INFRACTIONS OF THE LAW." WHILE CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION POLICE ARE HOLDING PERSONS CONCERNED "IN CONFORMITY WITH THE LAW."
- 3. DEFENSE LAWYERS' COMMUNIQUE DESCRIBED THEIR FRUITLESS EFFORTS TO GAIN INFORMATION CONCERNING MISSING MEN, AND CONCLUDED BY DECLARING SITUATION SET A GRAVE PRECEDENT FOR CONFIDENTIAL

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4. COMMENT. LAWYERS' COMMUNIQUE WAS OBVIOUS EFFORT TO SMOKE OUT OFFICIAL STATEMENT CONCERNING MISSING MEN WHO WE UNDERSTAND ARE BEINGHELD AT TEMARA, NEAR RABAT. REAL MOTIVATION FOR ACTION IS STILL SUBJECT FOR SPECULATION (REFTEL).

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